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### **Judicial Council Takes Action on Court Closures**

The Judicial Council of California took action yesterday to close the superior courts, Courts of Appeal, and Supreme Court on the third Wednesday of each month through June 2010 commencing September 16, 2009. Authorization for the closures was provided by the legislature as part of the State Budget Act. New Government Code §68106 requires that the closure be treated as a holiday for purposes of performing any act requiring the transaction of judicial business including computation of time for extending filing deadlines and time for holding hearings, to the same extent as any Saturday, Sunday, or other holiday.

The court closures are expected to save the Judicial Branch almost \$100 million.

In anticipation of the legislation, the Calaveras County Superior Court had previously announced that it would be taking efforts to reschedule matters on the third Wednesday of the month commencing in August. However, in light of the council's action to commence the closures in September, the court will be open on August 19, 2009 and will resume scheduling matters for that date.

The court will not be open to the public on the court closure days but will provide some telephone assistance.